

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1147

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Warren E. Harper, Jr., Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated their time and energies toward enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Dr. Warren E. Harper, Jr., a licensed psychologist and licensed professional counselor who is being honored at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards in recognition of the leadership and service he has provided to the people of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harper enjoyed an exemplary career in the U.S. Navy, both as an enlisted man and an officer, and retired at the rank of Commander, having completed assignments as director of the Mental Health Unit at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina; staff psychologist at Naval Hospital, Millington, Tennessee; staff psychologist at Naval Hospital Portsmouth, Virginia; head of the Mental Health Division at Naval Hospital Keflavik, Iceland; coordinator of Medically Related Services at Yokota Air Force Base, Japan; head of the Ancillary Services Department at Naval Submarine Base Medical Clinic, Kings Bay, Georgia; and the mental health provider for DODDS students in Bahrain and Navy personnel stationed in the Persian Gulf; and

WHEREAS, since retiring from the Navy, Dr. Harper has served with distinction as a clinical psychologist with the Memphis City School System; personal development coach with Youth Opportunity Memphis; director of Clinical Services at Whitehaven Mental Health Center; adjunct professor at Cambridge College and Strayer University; psychology instructor at LeMoyne-Owen College; child psychologist with the Shelby County Head Start Program;

contract psychologist with the Porter-Leath Head Start Program; and private practice mental health service provider for African-American clients; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harper has directed and hosted the weekly *Mental Health Matters* television program on Memphis Urban Television to inform the African-American community about the causes of mental illness and destigmatize the seeking of mental health services; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-four years, Dr. Harper has provided culturally and clinically relevant mental health information to the African-American community through his involvement with the Bev Johnson radio program on station WDIA; and

WHEREAS, he has also provided culturally specific, African-American-centered mental health information through the Operation Push broadcast on radio station WLOK; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harper graduated with Honors from Northeastern University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Sociology; he also holds a Master of Arts degree in Clinical Psychology from Fisk University; a Doctor of Philosophy degree from George Peabody College at Vanderbilt University; and a post-doctoral degree in Child and Adolescent Psychology from the University of Tennessee at Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harper is married to Dr. Jeanace C. Harper, who holds a doctorate in Christian Counseling, and they have six adult children; the Doctors Harper have recently completed formal training in Emotional Emancipation Group Facilitation, which focuses on healing, wellness, and empowerment for African Americans; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, Dr. Warren E. Harper, Jr., has provided competent, culturally specific, and compassionate mental health services to the African-American community in Memphis; his commitment to excellence and community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we congratulate Dr. Warren E. Harper, Jr., upon his recognition at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards, applaud his outstanding community leadership, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.